(d) Yes, Sir. From their experience, the NTPC found it to be satisfactory.

(e) Does not arise, in view of the above.

Priority to companies active in energy sector

†4323. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give priority for the new hydro power projects to the companies active in Energy sector of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have asked the Central Electricity Authority and Energy Policy Adviser to prepare a feasibility report for the new hydro power projects;

(c) if so, by when the said report is expected to be received by Government; and

(d) what concrete steps Government have decided to take to meet the total demand of power in the country by the year 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) With a view to develop the untapped hydro-electric potential in the country, Government announced a Policy on Hydro Power Development in August, 1998. A massive thrust is proposed to be given for hydro development by starting work on preparing Detailed Project Reports in respect of hydro projects involving capacity of about 25,000 MW to 30,000 MW in the next 5 years. Central Electricity Authority has recently been asked to carry out the ranking study of all the undeveloped hydro sites in the country within a period of six months.

During the last three years, five new hydro-electric projects have been sanctioned under the Central Sector. These are Chamera-II (300 MW) in Himachal Pradesh; Loktak Downstream (90 MW) in Manipur; Teesta Stage-V (500 MW) in Sikkim; Koteshwar (400 MW) in Uttaranchal and Tuirial (60 MW) in Mizoram. The budgetary support has been significantly raised from Rs. 1125.53 crores in 1997-98 to Rs. 1982.15 crores in 2001-02 to promote large and medium size

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hydroelectric projects under Central Sector. It is presently estimated that in order to meet full demand of electricity by 2012, an additional capacity of approximately 1,00,000 MW needs to be set up by the end of 11th Five Year Plan. Projects aggregating to 55159 MW during the 10th Plan and 51603 MW during 11th Plan have been tentatively identified so far by the Central Electricity Authority.

The Conference of the Chief Ministers/Power Ministers held on 3.3.2001 has resolved that there is no alternative to increase in public sector investment in generation, as large-scale private investment in generation would flow only after reforms succeed in restoring financial viability. Suitable action needs to be taken by the Centre and the States to increase the outlay in the 10th Plan

Cumulative dues of NTPC and BHEL

4324. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the cumulative dues of NTPC and BHEL from State Electricity Boards in the year 2000; and

(b) had NTPC received its dues from SEBs on time every year, how much additional power generating capacity it could have set-up on its own by the year 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The total dues payable by various State Electricity Boards/State utilities to NTPC as on 31.12.2000 were Rs. 16307.93 crores including surcharge of Rs. 6259.29 crores. The cumulative dues of BHEL from the State Electricity Board and State Power Corporation in the year 2000 (as on December, 2000) was Rs. 1100.10 crores.

(b) The outstanding dues (excluding surcharge on account of delay in payment) of NTPC as on 31.12.2000 were Rs. 10048.64 crores. In case NTPC had received its dues from SEBs on time every year, it would have generated internal resources adequate to take up investment in additional power generating capacity of the order of 6500 MW to 11000 MW based on debt equity ratio of 50:50 and 70:30 respectively.